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# Senator Robert Ortt

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Senator Robert G. Ortt was first elected in 2014 to the New York Senate. Prior to serving as the State Senator, Mr. Ortt served as the Mayor of North Tonawanda from 2010 - 2014, and as the North Tonawanda City Treasurer from 2007 until 2010. He was born on May 23, 1979 and attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo. He furthered his career at Canisius College with a degree in international relations and political science. In 2001, Robert Ortt enlisted in the New York Army National Guard in response to the September 11th attacks.



From March of 2008 until December 2008, he served in the War in Afghanistan. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He is currently a resident of North Tonawanda along with his wife Meghan.

Prior to entering public service, Rob served as an independent personal financial analyst with Primerica Financial Services. He earned multiple licenses including the series 6 and 63 investment license, mortgage broker license and the NYS Life Insurance License. He specialized in assisting middle income families to reduce their debt and save enough to be able to retire with dignity.

In 2014, Ortt indicated that he opposes abortion except in cases of rape or incest. He indicated that he did support other pieces of Governor Cuomo's women's equality bills including "tougher equal-pay laws and laws to combat sexual harassment, domestic violence, and human trafficking.

In 2017, Ortt introduced legislation that would cause the 2013 gun control law known as the NY SAFE ACT to be repealed in all areas of New York other than New York City.

Ortt helped pass legislation in 2018, he sponsored that added geothermal heating system to the list of the financeable heating systems in New York State.

In 2019, Ortt voted against the following bills that became law:

- The Reproductive Health Act, an abortion rights bill.
- The New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.
- The Driver's License Access and Privacy Act which made driver licenses available to undocumented immigrants.
- The Jose Peralta New York State DREAM ACT, which gave undocumented students the opportunity to receive state-funded financial aid for college.